

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-5, 8-20, and 22-25 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5, 8-20, and 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action states that support is not provided in the originally filed specification for the phrase “the predetermined threshold force being greater than a force present when the electronic reading device initially comes into contact with the specially formatted surface.” Applicants have removed this phrase from claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 and therefore the §112 rejection of claims 1-5, 8-20, and 22-25 is rendered moot.

Claims 1-5, 8, 15-20, 22-23, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,852,434 to Sekendur (“Sekendur”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,348,914 to Tuli (“Tuli”). Independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 recite, in part, the feature of “the sensor further [detecting] a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of additional force greater than a predetermined threshold force.” Support for this amendment may be found at page 50, line 11 - page 51, line 1 of the originally filed application.

As noted at page 3 of the Office Action, “Sekendur does not disclose a sensor for detecting a contact between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface.” Tuli does not remedy the deficiencies of Sekendur in that Tuli also does not teach a sensor for detecting a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of additional force greater than a predetermined threshold force. Tuli does not teach or suggest a user selection and as such, Tuli does not teach detecting a user selection by any means. Furthermore, Tuli does not teach detecting additional force greater than a predetermined threshold force. Instead, Tuli teaches sensing a pressure to determine if handwriting is taking place. See Tuli, col. 2, lines 5-14. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 distinguish over the combination of Sekendur and Tuli and request that the §103 rejection of claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 be withdrawn.


Claims 2-5, 16-20, 22, and 25 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, 8, 15, or 23 respectively and distinguish over the combination of Sekendur and Tuli for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 2-5, 16-20, 22, and 25 be withdrawn.

Claims 9-14 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekendur in view of Tuli and further in view of GB 2306669A to Wolff et al. ("Wolff"). Claims 9-14 and 24 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 8 or 23 and should distinguish over the combination of Sekendur and Tuli for at least the same reasons as stated above. Wolff does not remedy the deficiencies of Sekendur and Tuli in that Wolff also does not teach a sensor that further detects a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of additional force, greater than a predetermined threshold force. Wolff has merely been cited for the purpose of teaching a paper reprinted with at least one data entry field. See Office Action, page 4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-14 and 24 distinguish over the combination of Sekendur, Tuli, and Wolff and request that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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